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REGULATIONS CONTROL STAFF

1. PROBLEM

One of the main problems confronting this staff concerns the time spent by the initiating offices in the resolution of differences with the various coordinating offices. Some of the more controversial cases have been delayed as long as twelve months pending final resolution of differences.

Under the present procedure, the initiating office resolves the differences separately with each commenting office. If, as a result of comments accepted by the initiator, substantive material is incorporated in or deleted from the proposal, this necessitates recoordination of the new draft since each coordinating office would otherwise be unaware of substantive changes required by other offices coordinating on the previous draft.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended, in those cases where controversial issues have been raised as a result of coordination, that the initiating office have the responsibility of calling a meeting with representatives of the Deputy Director (Support), Deputy Director (Intelligence), Deputy Director (Plans), and the Inspector General to resolve the issues. The initiating office should chair these meetings and the Chief of the Regulations Control Staff (in addition to being the representative of the DD/S) could act as the adviser on any editorial, coordinating, or publication problem that may arise. By this procedure, the approvals of the Deputy Director (Intelligence), Deputy Director (Plans), and the Inspector General can be obtained simultaneously at one meeting, thereby

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eliminating the lengthy resolution-of-differences process as well as obviating the necessity for the time-consuming recoordination.

2. PROBLEM

Many complaints have been made in the past that the Manual contains regulations which are too lengthy and bulky. In short, the readers have difficulty finding an answer to a policy matter when the regulations contain detailed procedures on the same subject. This has been a problem

CORRECTIVE ACTION

To meet the problem, this staff with the assistance of the Deputy Director (Support) initiated a program to revise the published regulatory issuances with the objective of limiting the content of regulations to policy, authority, and responsibility; deleting unnecessary portions (such as repetitive definitions); and eliminating all detailed procedures for publication in handbook form. This "new look" in regulatory issuances will result in shortening the majority of regulations; completely eliminating some; and combining the essentials of several related regulations into a single regulation thus creating fewer and shorter regulations to coordinate and publish.